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Miss Tot Taggart came up from Portland Thursday and will visit at the Dr. Cathey home for a few days.

F. Williams, of Monroe, and G. Vossberg, of Philomath, were business visitors at the county seat today.

Stanley Hammel, an officer of the O. N. G. is over from Albany today assisting in the inspection of the OAC cadets.

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Mrs. W. L. Scrugg came up from Portland Thursday and will visit her mother, Mrs. G. Barenger, for several days.

Ernest Avery, a graduate of the Corvallis Business College, leaves today for Helena, Montana, to take an excellent position.

Mr. J. W. Preston, of Brainard, Minnesota, is touring the valley and looking for a home. He will arrive in Corvallis to-day and view the situation.

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Arthur Buchanan, from Southern Benton, was a business visitor in Corvallis today. Mr. Buchanan says rain is badly needed in his section, the crops looking pretty sick just now.

The arrangements for the observance of Mother's Day at the churches in Corvallis are now about complete and it is hoped that the day can be properly remembered by all.

Charley Heckert returned from Dalles Thursday after a few days visit with friends. Slowly and surely he is recovering from his recent severe illness and he will soon be ready for active operations once more.

The new and handsome residence being built for Prof. Gaskins at Jefferson and Ninth streets is rapidly being completed. The trees are being removed from the street front and a cement sidewalk and park curbing put in.

Mrs. L. A. Gordon, who has been making a prolonged visit with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Russell, started for her home in Chicago Tuesday. She will stop at Portland, Seattle and other points of interest on the homeward trip.

County assessor Rickard has been up in the northern part of the county this week and has met with a most favorable reception, all the property owners being willing that increased valuations should be made in order to provide funds for necessary county improvements.

George Cathey came up from Portland Thursday to visit home. He seemed particularly happy, due perhaps to a sheepskin he carried under his arm from the Portland medical school and other pleasant surroundings. He is now fully prepared to administer quinine in broken doses or carve a customer to the queen's taste.

Sandford M. Wright and daughter, of Kankakee, Illinois, arrived in Corvallis Thursday, and will make an extended visit at the George P. Keady home. Mr. Wright is a brother of Mrs. Keady but they have not seen each other for over thirty years hence the meeting was most enjoyable. Both father and daughter seem delighted with the country and if first impressions are lasting a couple of new and useful citizens will surely be the result.

Miss Josephine Deffry and a clever company of players will open an engagement of three nights at the opera house on Monday night, May 10, presenting highclass plays. This company comes very highly recommended and all signs point toward the fact that we are to have an unusually talented company at at popular prices. Although new to this section, Miss Deffry has played through Washington, Northern Oregon and Idaho, for the past six years. Three years ago her company appeared at the Marquam Grand in Portland. Miss Deffry hails from St. Louis where she was a leading woman in stock productions. The supporting is the best obtainable. The productions at popular prices should be greeted by packed houses. Prices 10, 20 & 30 cents. Reserved seats on sale at Graham and Wotham's.

Harry Beck is laid up for repairs at the family home.

Rob Bovee is again convalescent after a pretty good dose of measles.

Judge Cady, of Philomath, was a guest at the Ammy Cameron home Friday.

Palmer McVicker has accepted a position with the Graham & Wells' Drug Company.

Deputy Sheriff McGinnis spent the day in the Wren neighborhood looking after legal business.

Mrs. W. M. Jones returned Thursday, after a very pleasant visit with friends at Dalles and Monmouth.

Rush McBee, of southern Benton, bought a neat new buggy of the Cooper Newton Hardware Company Friday.

Mrs. John Frey returned to her home at Newport yesterday, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. A. Austin, and other relatives in this city.

Sale was made yesterday by Sheriff Gellatly, of the personal effects of Roy Price under an execution in favor of the Central Planing Mills.

Clarence Davis and Robert Black are out from Lincoln county on a trading expedition. They report the crop prospect good and stock looking well.

Why not arrange something on the street to receive old papers and other waste material instead of scattering them to the four winds of heaven.

J. F. Webber, General Agent Springfield Fire & Marine Insurance Company was looking after business here Thursday. For many years he lived here and many warm friends gave him a friendly greeting.

I. D. Bodine and family expect to leave Corvallis on Saturday going from here to Portland where they expect to make their future home. Mr. Bodine expects to engage in the truck and transfer business.

The searchlight thrown out by the Prof. Horner class of boys at the Presbyterian church in friendly contest will close with next Sunday and on Friday the social features promise to be exceedingly interesting.

On an important occasion like this, with the college campus lined with visitors it would have added enchantment to the scene had the college colors, intermingled with banners and bunting been suspended in great profusion from all business houses on Second street.

On Wednesday evening an important business meeting will be held at the Presbyterian parsonage by the young people. Arrangements are to be made for a hard time social and with everything so plentiful this will be a hard thing to do.

Emery Newton and Tom Cooper are laying cement walks in front of their premises on Seventh and Washington streets. This addition of 300 feet will add materially to the looks of the street and from present indications the entire street will have cement walks before fall.

The employers and employees at M. M. Long's sporting goods store and Mark Rickard's garage have organized a baseball club which they call the "Big Six." The club has issued an open challenge to play any high school nine in this section and made good their claim to superiority last evening by defeating the Corvallis high school team.

There was a merry party of young people assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heckart on College Hill last night, the C. E. Society of the Evangelical Church giving an enjoyable library entertainment. Each of the 40 guests present were costumed to represent some book and the effect was rather startling. Dainty refreshments were served after the evening's fun was over.

A. F. Cullver, a member of the Newport Life Saving Station was looking after business interests in the city on Thursday. On Friday forenoon he stood on the college campus and viewed with great surprise, the annual drill. As the boys stepped down the line he said he had never before realized the magnitude or importance of the institution, and what it was doing for the young people of the state.

John Wyatt went down to Portland Thursday and bought a thoroughbred registered short horn bull. With the advent of the new packing plant at Portland the farmers are beginning to realize that the little gimlet Jersey with a single steak to each hindquarter, will not supply the demand. The demand is now at hand for choice beef stock and to such live, enterprising men as Mr. Wyatt must all turn to accomplish the desired results.

SULTAN WILL GET "23."

People Long to Hear Salute Marking Turk's Death, Says Missionary.

Miss Mary L. Graffam of Andover, Mass., a teacher in the Sivas Normal school, in Sivas, Turkey, who is in New York for a year's vacation, said the other day when seen at the rooms of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions that when she left Turkey about March 1 there were rumors of massacres in the southern part of Turkey, and some uneasiness was being felt by the missionaries throughout the whole country. Of all the foreign missionaries in Turkey, Miss Graffam said, the Americans were treated the best and had the most respect shown them by Turks, Armenians and Greeks. Miss Graffam said she was certain the killing of Dr. D. M. Rogers at Adana had been accidental. When asked about the feeling toward the sultan Miss Graffam said:

"Not a Christian in Turkey trusts the sultan, and very few of his own people do either. His death would be welcomed by all missionaries. You know when the sultan dies twenty-three guns will be fired." And Miss Graffam smiled. "That is so. Whenever a cannon is fired in Constantinople the people all stop work and begin to count. Sometimes when fifteen or twenty shots are fired the tension is very great, for with just so many more there'll be no sultan. Yes, I understand it is a joking number here in New York, but it is true nevertheless, and we want the twenty-three to come as soon as possible."

CHAFF FOR THE PRESIDENT.

In Song Sung at Amateur Performance in a Washington Theater.

When President Taft and Mrs. Taft went to the Belasco theater at Washington the other night to witness the production of an amateur society show given for charity they saw a play which was a musical comedy entitled "About Thebes." The book was written by Mrs. A. C. Barney, who managed the affair. Many society people were present. Mr. Taft was the subject of a good deal of funmaking on the part of a dozen pretty girls, participants in the comedy, who stretched out their arms in supplication to the president and sang a song, part of which went as follows:

Can't we call you Bill now that you're president?
Can't we call you Bill now any more?
As we see you riding by with your head held up so high
Can't we greet you as in days of yore?
Can't we stroke your hand and say, "Hello, Bill?"
Will you turn us down and pass us o'er?
Are you really quite intent on the "Misses President?"
Tell us, can't we call you Bill now any more?

The verses of the song were sung by Mrs. Joseph M. Stoddard of Washington, who wrote it, and the pretty girls who asked Mr. Taft to let them call him "Bill" were helped out in the chorus by the entire company, which was assembled on the stage at the time.

CHURCH SPOONING PARLORS.

St. Paul Pastor Offers Hospitality to All Young Couples.

Rev. Harold Pattison, pastor of the First Baptist church in St. Paul, recently announced that the church parlors would be thrown open to all young people who live in boarding houses. Cards were distributed in all the big stores inviting young couples to take advantage of the church parlors. Mr. Pattison said:

"There are books and up to date literature and games, and those who come will enjoy themselves. It is a great opportunity for the church. We have no ulterior motive, however. The opening of our parlors is not a move to increase our membership. It is simply offering to the working young women of St. Paul a cozy and comfortable place to which to bring their young men friends. We will provide chaperons for them, and they will be taken care of."

BALLOON WELCOME FOR TAFT

Cincinnati Turners to Have Band Over Station When President Arrives.

When President Taft visits Cincinnati, his home city, on June 24 to attend the thirteenth annual turnfest of the North American Gymnastic union he will be received by a band sitting in the basket of a balloon hovering over the city.

This was decided on at a meeting of the committee of arrangements the other day, and contracts with a balloon owner were made. Above the station when the chief executive arrives forty aerial musicians will proceed to blow forth "The Star Spangled Banner."

Novel Fishing Craft.

Captain Charles N. Solheim at Great Kills, N. Y., has built a novel motor boat which is to be used for fishing. The cabin trunk is flush with the forward deck and extends just far enough on each side so that those who want to fish can sit on it and hold their poles over the side of the hull. Captain Solheim says that twenty will be able to fish at the same time. This craft, which is named Aurora, is thirty-seven feet over all, thirty-five feet on the water line, nine feet beam and three feet draft. There are five feet ten inches of head room in the cabin, and the boat is to be driven by an eighteen horsepower motor. The frames are of oak two and a half inches square, the planking of yellow pine one and one-eighth inches. By the arrangement of the cabin trunk camp chairs and other deck fittings are dispensed with.

BOY INVENTORS.

Humphrey Potter's Crude Addition to the Steam Engine.

Some of the most important inventions have been the work of boys. The invention of the valve motion to the steam engine was made by a mere boy. Newcome's engine was in very incomplete condition from the fact that there was no way to open or close the valve except by means of levers operated by the hand.

Newcome set up a large engine at one of the mines, and a boy, Humphrey Potter, was hired to work these valve levers. Although his work was not hard work, yet it required his constant attention.

As he was working the levers he saw that parts of the engine moved in the right direction and at the same time that he had to open or close the valves.

He procured a strong cord and made one end fast to the proper part of the engine and the other end to the valve lever, and then he had the satisfaction of seeing the engine move with perfect regularity of motion.

A short time after the foreman came around and saw the boy playing marbles at the door. Looking at the engine, he saw the ingenuity of the boy and also the advantage of so great an invention.

The idea suggested by the boy's inventive genius was put in a practical form and made the steam engine an automatic working machine.

The power loom is the invention of a farmer's boy who had never seen or heard of such a thing. He whittled one out with his jackknife, and after he had got it all done he, with great enthusiasm, showed it to his father, who at once kicked it to pieces, saying that he would have no boy about him who would spend his time on such foolish things.

The boy was sent to a blacksmith to learn a trade, and his master took a lively interest in him. He made a loom of what was left of the one his father had broken up and showed it to his master.

The blacksmith saw he had no common lad as an apprentice and that the invention was a valuable one. He had a loom constructed under the supervision of the boy.

It worked to their perfect satisfaction, and the blacksmith furnished the means to manufacture the looms, and the boy received half the profits. In about a year the blacksmith wrote to the boy's father that he should bring with him a wealthy gentleman, who was the inventor of the celebrated power loom.

You may be able to judge of the astonishment at the old home when his son was presented to him as the inventor, who told him that the loom was the same as the model that he had kicked to pieces but a year before.

She Was Not a Whitmanite.

Back when Lord Alfred Tennyson was poet laureate of England there was a prominent American girl, the daughter of our ambassador, in fact, who was very anxious to meet the greatest literary light of his time. One evening the long coveted chance came at a soiree. The conversation that ensued is chronicled in the Conservator as follows:

Tennyson—You are American?
Girl—Yes.
Tennyson—You know Walt Whitman?
Girl—No.
Tennyson—Then you don't know the only man worth knowing in America.

Whereupon the laureate turned away and the interview was over.

Outside His Line.

"I presume, my good fellow, you are a laborer?" said a lawyer to a plainly dressed witness.

"You are right; I am a workman, sir," replied the witness, who was a civil engineer.

"Familiar with the use of the pick, shovel and spade, I presume?" "To some extent. Those are not the principal implements of my trade, though."

"Perhaps you will condescend to enlighten me as to your principal implements."

"It is hardly worth while. You don't understand their nature or use."

"Probably not," loftily, "but I insist on knowing what they are."

The Olympic Games.

The famous Olympic games are said to have been instituted in honor of Jupiter, about 1,300 years B. C., and to have been revived by Iphitus, 884 B. C. They were held at intervals of four years on the banks of the Alpheus, near Olympia, in Elis, to exercise the youth in the five kinds of combat. The prize contended for was a crown made of wild olive or laurel. The games were abolished by order of Theodosius, about A. D. 394.

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